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THE PAUL-MUNDAY MURDER.

Trial of David Riddle for the Murder of Miss Polly Paul, in Croyle Tp., Cambria County, June 7, 1865.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer for Cambria County, Sept. Term, 1865.—Hon. Geo. Taylor, President Judge; Hons. H. C. Devine and G. W. Easley, Associate Judges.

The Jury in this case was empaneled on Saturday, 9th Sept., and was locked up in a body, in a private room, until the conclusion of the trial of John Ream for murder. Ream's case finally disposed of Tuesday, 12th Sept., and the case of the Commonwealth vs. David Riddle, indictment number, called up.

The names of the jurors are as follows:
ROBERT BOYLE, ELLIOTT STILES,
THOS. J. DAVIS, DAVID W. LEWIS,
JOSEPH DALY, ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH GRIS, REES J. LLOYD,
DAVID ROLAND, THOMAS M'BREEN,
LEWIS HOOVER, DAVID PETER.

THE COUNSEL.

The counsel appearing in the case are: For the prosecution, District Attorney P. S. Noon, R. L. Johnston and George M. Reade, Esqs.; for the defense, John Fenlon, John S. Rhey, and A. Kopelin, Esqs.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, SEPT. 12TH.

The prisoner, David Riddle, brought into Court at 2 1/2 o'clock, p. m. Arraigned in the usual form, and pleads "Not guilty."

District Attorney Noon opened for the prosecution in a speech of about fifteen minutes length.

THE PRISONER.

David Riddle is a man 33 or 40 years of age, rather tall of stature, and slimly built. He is blind of the left eye, which gives his countenance a somewhat unprepossessing aspect. Beyond this, there is nothing peculiar in his appearance. In Court, he is nervous and uneasy, apparently noticing the minutest circumstance transpiring.

THE EVIDENCE—PROSECUTION.

Michael Stibolsky, sworn: Live in Croyle township; was acquainted with Polly Paul; she lived near me; saw her dead in her own stable on the 7th June, 1865; she was lying on her back; there were wounds on the back of her head.

Dr. Gardner, affirmed: Assisted in making a post mortem examination of body of Polly Paul; found wounds on her head, &c.; suppose them to have been inflicted with a club; the wound on the back of the head would cause almost instant death; this on the 8th or 9th June last.

Cross-examined: Judge the wounds were made with a club because the skin was not much broken.

R. S. Bunn, M. D., affirmed: Made a post mortem examination of body of Polly Paul; her death was caused by blows inflicted with a bludgeon or club; found wounds on the back part and right side of head; wounds sufficient to cause almost instant death; this on the forenoon of 9th June.

Jos. W. Myers, Esq., sworn: Held an inquest on the body of Polly Paul; she was lying on her back in her stable when first saw her; from what I could see, judge she had been knocked down in the front part of the stable and had been dragged to the back part of it; Riddle was brought before me to receive a preliminary hearing; he told me he had not been in this county for six years.

John Funk, affirmed: Have been acquainted with David Riddle for ten or twelve years; was at Summerhill on 7th June last; the road I went is called the Jackson road; it was between one and two o'clock when I left Summerhill; met a man on Leidy's hill, about two miles from Polly Paul's house; he had on a slouch hat, pulled down over his eyes; I saw him "good evening;" he did the same, and went on; could not say positively that defendant is the man; he looks like him; arrested Riddle in Jefferson county; he did not say anything about the murder to me; found him on North river, about seven miles above Brookville.

Cross-examined: Have seen no one since that looked like the man I met that day; arrested Riddle on the 22d June last; he made no resistance.

Elizabeth Slonaker, affirmed: Was acquainted with Riddle some time ago; had a conversation with him, John Ream and Newton Jones one Sunday afternoon several years ago; they said that Polly Paul had a heavy pocket-book which they would like to have; told them to marry her and get it; Ream said he could get it an easier way than that—he could kill her; Riddle said he would go half toward killing her.

Cross-examined: Ream said Polly Paul was too old and ugly for him to marry; that he would rather kill her and get her pocket-book that way; this was when Riddle said he'd go half with Ream.

Mary Burket, sworn: Never saw Riddle before.

Rachel Wagner, affirmed: Was in Ebensburg on the 7th June last; knew Riddle; met him that day opposite Mr. Fenlon's; had no conversation with him;

he was going towards Crawford's tavern; it was between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning; he had soldier pants on; did not see him afterwards.

Cross-examined: Live in Jackson tp.; had been away for some time, and was going home; had seen Riddle five or six years before; don't know what kind of coat he had on; he had on an army cap and striped vest; he had no mustache; I was about thirteen years old when I saw him before; told persons before he was arrested that I saw Riddle in Ebensburg the 7th June.

Mrs. James, sworn: Live in Cambria township, on the turnpike; was at home on the 7th June last; two men passed my house that day; one was in his shirt sleeves; the other had a blouse on; the one in his shirt sleeves had soldier pants on; it was between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon; live four miles from Ebensburg; know where Davis' mill is, live a quarter of a mile from that; there is a road from there to Polly Paul's place, which is about six miles distant.

Cross-examined: After I heard of the murder, thought these men might be the murderers; they both wore black hats, not very tall; did not see their faces; they called for a drink; told them to go to the next house for one.

Lewis Rodgers, sworn: Believe I saw Riddle in Ebensburg within the last four months; never saw him to know him till last Saturday.

Cross-examined: My impression is the prisoner is the same man; a blue hat he wore and his blind eye attracted my attention.

Joseph James, sworn: Was in Ebensburg on the 7th June last; couldn't say I met Riddle.

Timothy R. Davis, affirmed: Came to Ebensburg on the 7th June last; about half a mile beyond M'Vicker's, saw two men sitting by the roadside; one of them laid down on his face as I approached; when I saw Riddle before Squire Myers, thought he was the man I had seen lying on his face; it was between one and two o'clock; know where Miss Paul lived; from where I met them, would take the road they were traveling to go to her place; the man sitting up had on a kind of black scuffed coat.

Rebecca Leidy, affirmed: Never saw David Riddle before they brought him to Summerhill; was at home on the 7th of June last; one man overtook me on the road just above our barn; hadn't time to see if he had a blind eye; this man has much the same appearance of the one I met, only that one was heavier, I think; this was about 4 o'clock.

Cross-examined: It is 8 miles from Ebensburg to our place.

Samuel Paul, sworn: Lived in Jackson tp., about 4 miles from Polly Paul's, on the Jackson road; on the night of the 7th June last, two men called at my house about eleven o'clock, and asked the road to Johnstown; one was in his shirt sleeves; they said they had come to the forks of the road, and didn't know which one to take; they came from the direction of Polly Paul's.

Cross-examined: Was in bed when they came. Further examination elicited nothing of importance.

Mrs. Jackson, affirmed: Reside in Jackson township; was at home the 7th June last; two men stopped at our house in the night; they inquired the road to town; reside at the cross roads; it was 12 o'clock at night; one was dressed in dark clothes, and the other was in his shirt sleeves; the one that spoke to me was over five feet tall; the other appeared to be taller; told them to go straight on; they started and took the wrong road; called them back and told them they were wrong; they were carrying something like a carpet-sack; it was a nice moonlight night; it is 7 or 8 miles from there to Johnstown.

Martin Funk, sworn: Had never seen Riddle till I arrested him, on the 22d of June; Riddle then told me he hadn't been in Cambria county since the year of the frost—about 6 years ago.

Martha Morgan, sworn: Live adjoining lands with Polly Paul; recollect the day of the murder; there were no men at my house the night of the murder; think I saw Riddle the Saturday night after the murder at my place; he was just going into the cellar of my house when I saw him; didn't see any one with him, but heard talk in the cellar; do not know what they were doing there; we had nothing in the cellar; live between Summerhill and Miss Paul's, about one-fourth of a mile from her house; the murder occurred on Wednesday; this was the night Polly Paul was buried; it was just at dusk; I think that is the man (looking at the prisoner) that I saw going into the cellar.

The cross-examination elicited nothing material, except that the witness saw two men leaving her barn in the morning, early, after sleeping there, as she thought, all night—one of these men being the same she had seen enter her cellar.

Capt. A. M'Vicker, sworn: Reside in Cambria township; was at home the afternoon the murder took place; there were two men came up and asked me for a drink, and one of them asked for a "piece;" one had a blouse on; Riddle is one that was there; they said they had been soldiering; were paid off, but out of

money again; am satisfied this man is one of them; they went west, on the pike; it was between one and two o'clock in the afternoon; I know about where Miss Paul lived; you could go by Davis' saw mill, or by Peter Berg's; Riddle was in his shirt sleeves, but had a coat thrown over his shoulder.

Cross-examined: Am certain this man is one of them; knew his face as soon as I saw him; I wouldn't swear he was blind; he had a cap on; he had blue pants on; heard of the murder the next morning; was not in town that day.

In chief: He tried to keep his face from me all the time; when he reached for the piece, he turned towards me more; I am satisfied he (the prisoner) is one of the men that were there.

Daniel Dunmire, affirmed: I reside in Croyle tp., within a mile of Polly Paul's; think I saw her on the 7th or 8th of June, killed; she appeared as if she had been dragged in the stable after being killed; she was lying under the trough on her back, and her eyes open; she looked frightful; we found Catharine Munday under an apple tree; she appeared to have been struck by a right-hand stroke; found a club on the ground under the apple tree; (clubs shown and identified); the beds in the house were all tossed about on the floor; the top of the bureau was torn off, the drawers taken out, and the contents strewn on the floor.

COMMONWEALTH RESTS.

John S. Rhey, Esq., opened for the defense at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, in a speech twenty minutes long.

George Davidson, sworn: Reside in Warsaw township, Jefferson county; have been acquainted with David Riddle since early in the spring; he lived in the same house I did, most of the time; saw him on the 7th June last, in his own house; he was sick then; saw him every day from the 21st May up to the time he was arrested, except on the 8th June; he was arrested on the 22d June, about 3 a. m.; we resided in the same house all that time; went for a physician for him on the morning of the 7th June; he resides 4 1/2 miles from Brookville; they say it is 80 miles from Brookville to Ebensburg.

Cross-examined: First met Riddle on Clarion river, in Elk county; he is a married man; so am I; am married to his sister.

William Blake, sworn: Live at Mr. Carrier's, a mile and a half from Riddle's; went to Carrier's in May; remained with him till the 5th June; on that day, went to Riddle's; Carrier had given Riddle a job of clearing; he went away from home on a visit on the 5th June, and sent me to Riddle's, where I stayed till Wednesday or Thursday of the next week—the week after the 7th June; then went back to Carrier's; boarded at Riddle's; was chopping in the clearing; the clearing is about a mile and a half from Riddle's house; my dinner was carried to me; the day after the 7th June, Riddle brought it to me.

George W. Shaffer, sworn: Live in Jefferson county, Warsaw township; have lived there about thirteen years; was in the army till the 7th June last, when I arrived home, after having served nine months; live about two miles from Riddle's; know Riddle; was not acquainted with him before I came home; was at Richardsville on the 8th June; met Riddle on the road that day; inquired who he was; the prisoner is the man; saw him the next Tuesday and on the morning he was arrested; Richardsville is seven miles north of Brookville.

Cross-examined: Riddle lives between Brookville and Richardsville; it was between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 8th that I saw him; he was on foot; arrived home from the army on the 7th, and saw him next day.

Elias Miller, sworn: Reside in Jefferson county, Warsaw township; came there a year ago last spring; am a chair-maker; Riddle lives near our shop; have been acquainted with him ever since he came there, in the spring; was at home in the early part of June last; saw Riddle at different places; saw him on the 3d in Brookville; think I saw him on the 5th or 6th at our shop; think I saw him on the evening of the 7th at the house I was boarding at; saw him time and again after that.

Lewis Evans, sworn: Reside in Warsaw township, Jefferson county; follow farming; am acquainted with Riddle—have been since last January; reside about three miles from him; saw him on the 8th June at my place; he came there to borrow a scythe to cut brush; it was about noon; had not seen him immediately before that; he complained of his health when I saw him.

Joseph M'Cracken, sworn: Reside in Jefferson county, Warsaw township; know Riddle; live about a mile from him; saw him on the 8th June; fix the date by the day the month came in on; it was a week from the first; on the 8th he passed my place, carrying dinner to his hands; the clearing is about one hundred rods from my house.

Cross-examined: On the 8th, Riddle stopped awhile and talked with me; he said he must hurry back home, that the doctor was to be there to see him.

Benjamin Crow, sworn: Live in Jefferson county, Pine Creek township; saw

Riddle on the 5th June, in the evening, in his clearing.

Charles Anderson, sworn: Reside in Jefferson county, Warsaw township; have been acquainted with Riddle since 23d May last; saw him on the 24th and 30th May, and on Saturday, 10th June; saw him on 11th June; he complained of his health.

Defense rests at 9.30 o'clock, and Court adjourns till 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

Court called at 8 o'clock a. m., and case resumed.

COMMONWEALTH RE-OPENS.

William Wagner, affirmed: Was at Blair's tavern, in Ebensburg, on the 7th June last; saw a man, and treated him; he said his name was Riddle or Ridley; he resembled this man, except the eye; he wore a slouched black hat; wore it on the side of his head.

Cross-examined: Am positive he had a black slouch hat on; did not observe that he had a blind eye; told my father that the man I treated had such a large mustache that he had to put it aside to get the glass to his mouth, &c.

COMMONWEALTH HERE CLOSED.

DEFENSE RE-OPENS.

Chas. Anderson, again: Think Riddle had a small beard about the 7th June.

Geo. Davidson, recalled: Riddle had no mustache from the first to the tenth of June.

Elias Miller, recalled: Riddle had no mustache from the first to the tenth of June last.

Wm. Blake, recalled: Think Riddle had a light mustache about the beginning of June.

Evidence here closed, at 9 o'clock a. m.

THE CONCLUSION.

The District Attorney addressed the Court to the effect, that, as in the case of Ream, the counsel for the prosecution agree that there is not sufficient testimony to warrant them in asking the jury for a verdict of guilty. He said the case was not made out beyond a reasonable doubt, and that therefore he did not feel it to be his duty, nor did he look upon it as proper, to occupy the time of the Court in arguing it. At the same time, he added, he felt that in instituting the investigation in the matter, he had but done his duty, and that the proceedings were warranted by the testimony in the case, which to say the least showed cause for suspicion.

In a few words to the jury, the Court expressed its concurrence in the view taken by the District Attorney; approved the action of the latter in instituting proceedings against the prisoner, and said that in so doing he had simply performed his duty; told the jury it was the duty of the officers of the law to use every effort, as was being done, to discover the guilty parties in the awful crime charged upon the prisoner;—but, since guilt must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, he fully agreed with the prosecution that they had failed to show cause for a verdict of conviction, while, on the other hand, the defense had shown by witnesses unimpeached that the defendant was in another county at the time of the murder. In view of these facts, therefore, the Judge directed the jury to return a verdict from their box of "Not guilty!"

The prisoner was then remanded to jail, where, with John Ream, he will remain till the December term of Court, when the two will be tried for the murder of Miss Catharine Munday.

NEW-BORN LOVE FOR THE SOLDIERS.

A few days ago, the members of the Eighty-sixth Illinois regiment held their anniversary at Peoria. Col. R. G. Ingersoll, the commandant, made a speech, wherein he paid his respects to the men now professing to be the best friends of the soldiers in this wise: "This is not a political meeting, yet I cannot forbear saying a word or two concerning the soldiers' friends. There are men here in our midst pretending to be your dearest and best friends. They belong to a party some of whom (I will not say all) were not your friends when you were fighting the battles of your country. They laughed at your wounds, sneered at your scars, and mocked the corpses of your comrades; they prophesied your defeat; they hoped for your disgrace; they prayed for your overthrow and death; they despised the cause for which you were battling; they were the allies of your murderers. Now you have reached home covered with glory; you are welcomed by the true people of the North; you are radiant with success—and the very men of whom I speak crowd around you and say they were and are your friends. Beware of them all!—They do not want to help you. When they come to you, tell them that you can have no confidence in their sincerity till they bring back the thirty pieces of silver, the price of your blood; tell them to go and follow to the bitter end the example of their illustrious prototype."

Artemas Ward says when he hears the song, "Come where my love lies dreaming," he don't go—he don't think it would be right.

Don't go there! A "season" in Saratoga is said to cost a man about \$25,000.

One Pair of Stockings.

An old wife sat by her bright fireside, Swaying thoughtfully to and fro, In an ancient chair whose creaky caw Told a tale of long ago.

White down by her side on the kitchen floor Stood a bag of worsted balls—a score. The good man dozed o'er the latest news, Till the light of his pipe went out, And unheeded, the kitten, with cunning paws, Rolled and tangled the balls about; Yet still sat the wife in the ancient chair, Swaying to and fro in the firelight glare.

But anon a misty tear-drop came In her eye of faded blue, Then trickled down in a furrow deep, Like a single drop of dew; So deep was the channel, so silent the stream; The good man saw naught but the dimmed eye-beam.

Yet he marvelled much that the cheerful light Of her eye had weary grown, And marvelled he more at the tangled balls, So he said in a gentle tone: "I have shared thy joys since our marriage vow, Conceal not from me thy sorrow now."

Then she spoke of the time when the basket there Was filled to the very brim, And now there remained of the goodly pile But a single pair—for him. "Then wonder not at the dimmed eyelight—There's but one pair of stockings to mend to-night."

"I can not but think of the busy feet, Whose wrappings were wont to lie In the basket, awaiting the needle's time—Now wandered so far away; How the sprightly steps—to a mother dear, Unheeded fell on the careless ear."

"For each empty nook in the basket old, By the hearth there's an empty seat; And I miss the shadows from off the wall, And the patter of many feet; 'Tis for this that a tear gathered over my sight At the one pair of stockings to mend to-night."

"'Twas said that far through the forest wild And over the mountain bold, Was a land whose rivers and sparkling fountains Were gemmed with the rarest gold; Then my first-born turned from the oaken door, And then I knew the shadows were only four:

"Another went forth on the foaming waves, And diminished the basket's store; But his feet grew cold—so weary and cold They'll never be warm any more; And the nook in its emptiness seemeth to me To give forth no voice but the moan of the sea."

"Two others have gone toward the setting sun, And made them a home in its light, And fairy fingers have taken their share To mend by the fireside bright; Some other baskets their garments fill—But mine—oh, mine is emptier still."

"Another—the dearest—the fairest—the best, Was taken by angels away, And clad in a garment that waxeth not old, In a land of continual day Oh, wonder no more at the dimmed eye-light While I mend the one pair of stockings to-night."

Murder.
To the Editor of The Alleghanian:
I have just read your remarks on the above caption, in your issue of the 7th inst., and I heartily thank you for them. You remark, "Truly, it is getting that life is held very cheap among us." Now, there must be a cause for this increase of the worst of all crimes. You very properly intimate that it is found in the false sympathy that is generally bestowed upon the perpetrators of this crime. This is, no doubt, the real cause. We would not ignore the fact that the war through which we have just passed has had a demoralizing tendency. War is always demoralizing—much more so, that of civil war, when its influences are felt in every community, and where all are accustomed to talk of slaughtered thousands as but an ordinary affair. But aside from this, there is a misplaced sympathy bestowed upon the guilty that is telling fearfully upon our people. The idea has become prevalent that it is wrong to execute capital any offender, no difference how dark and damning his guilt; that it is opposed to the spirit and teachings of the Bible. Such persons, I remark, could not have read their Bibles carefully upon this point, or they would have been led to different conclusions. If we turn to Genesis 9th chap. 6th verse, we read, "Who-so sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Was this law ever abolished? If so, when and where? In the law of God as given to the Israelites, the murderer forfeited his own life; and it was only when the Jews enforced this law, with all other edicts of Jehovah, that they secured His approbation. If we turn to the New Testament, we find this law recognized. Paul is arraigned before Festus upon grave and serious charges, to all of which he pleads, "not guilty." He does not put in the plea that they had no right to take away his life, but on the contrary he clearly recognizes that right, if guilty. He says, (Acts 25th chap. 11th verse), "For if I am an offender, or have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die." The same Apostle elsewhere declares that rulers are a terror to evil doers, and that they bear not the sword in vain. Notwithstanding all this, there are thousands who think and act differently. Hence, in many places it is difficult to find a jury willing to convict a man of murder in the first degree, and if convicted to find an officer to execute